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FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7465

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 10270

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE SWEDISH MOVE TO RECOGNIZE "PRG"

REF: A) STOCKHOLM 3022; B) STOCKHOLM 3322; C) SAIGON 9157 (NOTAL)

D) SAIGON 9835 (NOTAL)

1. FOREIGN MINISTER BAC AUGUST 3 TOLD CHARGE HE WAS CONCERNED THAT SWEDEN MIGHT BE MOVING TOWARD RECOGNITION OF "PRG" AND REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE TO DISCOURAGE SWEDES FROM SUCH ACTION. CHARGE RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD INFORM DEPARTMENT AND AMBASSADOR STRAUZ-HUPE OF GVN CONCERN. BAC NOTED BENELUX AND CANADA HAD DECIDED NOT TO ACCORD RECOGNITION TO "PRG" (SEPTTEL).

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2. COMMENT: FROM STOCKHOLM'S REPORT REF A IT APPEARS GVN

FEARS ARE JUSTIFIED. DESIRE OF GVN AMBASSADOR IN BONN TO VISIT SWEDEN REPORTED REF B IS APPARENTLY ONE GVN RESPONSE.

3. WE KNOW EMBASSY STOCKHOLM HAS BEEN DOING WHAT IT CAN IN THIS REGARD. IN ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH SWEDISH OFFICIALS IT MIGHT BE POINTED OUT THAT WHILE WE THINK RECOGNITION OF "PRG" AT ANY TIME WOULD BE A MISTAKE, CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES MAKE SUCH ACTION EXPECIALLY INAPPROPRIATE. COMMUNISTS AT PRESENT HAVE BROKEN OFF ALL NEGOTIATIONS AND ARE STEEPING UP MILITARY ACTIVITY. THUS ANY MOVE TOWARD "PRG" AT PRESENT WOULD MEAN THAT GOS APPROVES THIS INTRANSIGENT BEHAVIOR WHICH IS UNDERMINING PARIS AGREEMENT. COMMUNIST BREAKOFF IN TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION AND IN FOUR PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM IS DESCRIBED IN REF C, WHILE COMMUNIST REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE ON ELECTIONS TO IMPLEMENT SELF-DETERMINATION FOR SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE IS DESCRIBED IN REF D. LEHMANN

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